There have been no exports of sponge iron from India-either in 2001-02 or in 2002-03 from these units.

(c) Gross domestic production of sponge iron in 2003-04 has been projected at 7.5 million tonnes. No target for export of sponge iron has been fixed set for 2003-04.

Evaluation of central sector scheme of NRC

1476. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government/Planning Commission has conducted evaluation studies on the Central Sector Scheme of National Reconstruction Corps (NRC); if so, the details of such evaluation studies, findings thereof and the action taken thereon;

(b) whether any such study has made detailed impact assessment of the NRC; and

(c) whether Government propose to retain the scheme and extend the coverage of more districts under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) to (c) An evaluation of the scheme of National Reconstruction Corps (NRC) was entrusted to 5 (five) independent agencies on the advice of the Planning Commission. Reports of the evaluation studies have since been received and are under examination. Further continuance of the scheme will be decided in consultation with the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Finance.

Sports centres in M.P.

†1477. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up sports centres in all the districts of Madhya Pradesh to promote sports;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the allotment of budget; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) by when these sports centres are likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Sports is a State subject and promotion of sports in the State is the responsibility of respective State Government. However, in order to augment the efforts of the State Government, the Govt. of India, through Sports Authority of India, is implementing following Sports Promotion Schemes for development of Sports in the country.

1. National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)

2. Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)

3. SAI Training Centre (STC)

4. Special Area Games (SAG)

5. Centre of Excellence (COX)

In the State of Madhya Pradesh, Sports Authority of India is having three SAI Training Centres at Dhar, Jabalpur, & Bhopal, two NSTC Centres at Indore & Jabalpur and also one ABSC Centre at ISTC, Jabalpur.

Apart from above the SAI NS Central Regional Centre has been shifted from Delhi to Bhopal. Govt. of Madhya Pradesh has allotted 100 acres of land for this project where facilities for hockey, basketball, volleyball, football, archery etc. along with hostels for boys and girls have been planned.

Educating athletes about banned substances

1478. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that around 50 Indian sportspersons have tested positive to various banned substances;